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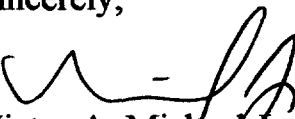
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Rockford, Iowa.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))

Table of Allotments)

FM Broadcast Stations)

(Rockford, Iowa))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 225A (92.9 Mhz) to Rockford, Iowa as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 225A (92.9 Mhz) to Rockford and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 225A to Rockford will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Rockford is located in North Central Iowa. It is also located within Floyd County, a county of some 17,058 persons. Rockford has a population of 863 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 225A to Rockford will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Rockford is located at Mason City, Iowa. Mason City is located 19 kilometers from Rockford.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Rockford is presently without local FM service.

4. Rockford would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 19 Kilometers of Rockford. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Rockford area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 225A can be allotted to Rockford and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rockford, Iowa	-----	225A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 225A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 225A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 43 - 01' - 55", W. 92 - 57' - 53") are that of a site located 2.3 kilometers southwest of the community of Rockford. A site restriction of 2.3 kilometers southwest will be required to allot channel 225A to Rockford. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Rockford. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Rockford would benefit from the allotment of channel 225A. It has also been shown that channel 225A can be allotted to Rockford and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 225A for Rockford, Iowa , 73.202.

8. Should channel 225A be allotted to Rockford, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Rockford, Iowa.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: February 10, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 225A6 (92.9 MHz), at N. 43 1 55, W. 92 57 53.

Searching Channel 225A6 (92.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Oelwein	IA	222	C	U	96.7	95.0	113.7°	1.7
KOELFM	Oelwein	IA	222	C	L	96.7	95.0	113.7°	1.7
KOELFM	Oelwein	IA	222	C	L	96.7	95.0	113.7°	1.7
K223AB	Mason City	IA	223	D	L	24.4	0.0	293.3°	24.4
ALC	Algona	IA	224	C3	U	100.9	89.0	272.3°	11.9
KLGAFM	Algona	IA	224	C3	L	100.9	89.0	272.3°	11.9
ALC	Dubuque	IA	225	C1	U	200.2	200.0	106.2°	0.2
ALC	Ida Grove	IA	225	C3	U	217.0	142.0	246.5°	75.0
KATF	Dubuque	IA	225	C1	L	200.2	200.0	106.2°	0.2
KIDAFM	Ida Grove	IA	225	C3	L	217.0	142.0	246.5°	75.0
KIDAFM	Ida Grove	IA	225	C3	A	200.0	142.0	252.5°	58.0
ALC	Rochester	MN	225	A	U	115.9	115.0	17.9°	0.9
KFSI	Rochester	MN	225	A	L	115.4	115.0	17.2°	0.4
ALC	New Ulm	MN	226	C1	U	156.9	133.0	321.0°	23.9
KXLP	New Ulm	MN	226	C1	L	156.9	133.0	321.0°	23.9
ALC	Des Moines	IA	227	C	U	160.7	95.0	194.6°	65.7
KIOA	Des Moines	IA	227	C	A	160.7	95.0	194.6°	65.7
KIOAFM	Des Moines	IA	227	C	L	171.3	95.0	197.2°	76.3
KIOAFM	Des Moines	IA	227	C	L	160.7	95.0	194.6°	65.7
ALC	La Crosse	WI	227	C	U	155.3	95.0	56.4°	60.3
WIZMFM	La Crosse	WI	227	C	L	167.2	95.0	58.8°	72.2
WIZMFM	La Crosse	WI	227	C	L	155.3	95.0	56.4°	60.3
ALC	Clear Lake	IA	279	C3	U	22.7	12.0	263.8°	10.7
KLKK	Clear Lake	IA	279	C3	C	34.0	12.0	275.2°	22.0
KWMM	Osage	IA	279	A	L	33.4	10.0	15.3°	23.4

FIGURE 1
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING
ROCKFORD, IOWA